(c) which are the villages selected for drilling wells in Cauvery basin in the coming years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1st Juy, 1987, the recoverable reserves of crude oil and gas in the basin have been estimated at 0.64 million tonnes and 503 million cubic metres respectively.

(c) The places/prospect are as under:

Kodiyakkari
Kamalapuram
Narimanam
Kottarakudi
Kovilkalappal
Thiruvarur
Peruvalandan
Madanam
Raghunathapuram
Bhuvanagiri
Adhiyakkamangalam
Ramnad
Nayanarkoil
Nanjalur
Komarakshi
Uchipulli
Thirukkadaiyur

Jamne Orchocha Power Stations

3442. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the survey about construction of Jamne Orchcha Hydro-Electric Power Station at Orchcha in the Tikamgarh district of M.P. has been completed;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the proposed power station; and

(c) whether any time schedule has been fixed for the completion thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The Project Report for Orchcha Multipurpose Project in Tikamgarh district of Madhya Pradesh with an installed capacity of 90 MW was received in Central Water Commission/ Central Electricity Authority in 1978. The estimated cost of the power component of the Project was Rs. 48.3 crores. The project report was examined and comments on power aspects were sent to the project authorities in 1979 for clarifications/ comments. Subsequently, the project Authorities in Madhya Pradesh were again requested to revise the Project Report after taking into account the comments of CEA/CWC. The Project Authorities have not submitted a revised Report, and as such, time schedule for completion has not been fixed.

Research and Development effort of BHEL

3443. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that R. and D. effort of BHEL is so inadequate that certain collaborations with foreign countries for import of technologies made more than a decade ago had to be renewed because the R&D Wing failed to develop a similar front line technology or even to absorb the imported technology;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to augment the R&D effort; and

(c) what percentage of the BHEL budget is spent on R&D and how does it compare with the percentage spent by the units of similar size in developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) R&D ffort in BHEL has resulted in successful commercial develop-